

**ORDINANCE NO. 1658**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 115 OF THE CODE OF SUSSEX COUNTY, TO ALLOW AGRICULTURAL RELATED INDUSTRY AS A CONDITIONAL USE IN THE AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT, TO DEFINE AGRICULTURAL RELATED INDUSTRY, AND TO DELETE CONFLICTING LANGUAGE.**

**WHEREAS, the Sussex County Council adopted the Sussex County Comprehensive Plan update on December 10, 2002, and**

**WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan Update proposes allowing Agricultural Related Industry in the Low Density Area, and**

**WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan Update generally anticipates that the AR District be the Zoning District which would best accommodate agricultural related industry**

**NOW, THEREFORE THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX ORDAINS:**

**The Code of Sussex County is hereby revised to add the following amendments which would permit Agricultural Related Industry as a conditional use in the AR District and to delete conflicting language in Chapter 115.**

**1. Add to 115-4 - Definitions, the following:**

*Agricultural Related Industry – business establishments that rely on farm or forest products for a substantial portion of their material inputs and that obtain at least 51 percent of their inputs either directly from the local farm or forest/logging industry or indirectly through local early stage processors or wholesalers. For the purpose of this Ordinance, “local” is interpreted to mean the Delmarva Peninsula.*

**2. Add to 115-22 - Conditional Uses the following:**

*Agricultural Related Industry provided that such use is visually and acoustically screened from adjacent highways and property in such a manner that a reasonable passerby is not attracted to or aware of the establishment.*

**3. Delete from 115-22 - Conditional Uses the following:**

**[Residential, business, commercial or industrial uses when the purposes of this chapter are more fully met by issuing a conditional use permit.]**

**I DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF ORDINANCE NO. 1658 ADOPTED BY THE SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL ON THE 27TH DAY OF JANUARY 2004.**

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**ROBIN A. GRIFFITH  
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

